IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial No. 09/187,358

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For: CONVEYOR FOR ELONGATE

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Docket No. GER-5196

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) TO EXTEND FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

DEC 1 2 2002

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner unde 1.136(a) to extend the time to December 5, 2002, for taking action in this application responsive to the Official action dated June 5, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2550 in the amount of \$920. to cover the fee for a three-months extension as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due in processing this petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2550.

One (1) copy of this petition is attached.

Your consideration and granting of this petition is

appreciated.

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